

Fair tonight. Tomorrow increasing cloudiness; light to fresh southerly winds

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## "WOMAN IN RED" IN BIGGAR CASE

Defense Objects to Sequestration of Mysterious Woman, Who May Take the Stand.

### HENDRICKS TESTIFIES

Second Defendant Under Charge of Conspiracy Takes the Stand to Testify in His Own Defense. Mrs. Biggar's Son a Witness.

FREEHOLD, N. J., Dec. 19.—The fourth day of the trial of Laura Biggar, the actress, and Dr. Hendricks, who is accused with her of conspiring to get the estate of the late Henry M. Bennett, saw no diminution in the size of its crowd.

The sensation of yesterday's trial was the arrival last night of an unknown woman, dressed entirely in red and heavily veiled, who was driven to the American Hotel immediately, and given rooms which had been made ready for her several hours in advance. Her mail is carefully guarded and no name on the hotel register gives a clue to the unknown's identity.

May Testify Today. Although the lawyers of the prosecution maintain a reticence concerning the new arrival, it is believed generally that she is a witness who will give important evidence.

In opening today's proceedings lawyer Noonan, for the defense, maintained that the woman had been sequestered by the State to be used as a witness without the defense being enabled to reach her.

Mrs. Biggar's Son on Stand.

Willis Biggar, the sixteen-year-old son of Laura Biggar, by her first husband, was the first witness called to the stand. His testimony served merely to show that he had seen Mr. Bennett and Miss Biggar together at Avon, on July 23, 1901.

Peter J. McNulty, the heir to 40 per cent of Mr. Bennett's property, was recalled for cross-examination to show that he had shown more than usual energy in hiring detectives to break open Miss Biggar's trunks and also to examine her papers at Dr. Hendricks' sanitarium. McNulty was not obliged to answer these questions, as Judge Hetsley ruled them out of order.

Dr. Hendricks, the second big witness for the defense, was put on the stand to testify in his own behalf against the charge of conspiracy.

## U. S. DEPUTY SERVED SUBPOENA IN CANADA

Legality Likely to Be Tested in Bankruptcy Proceedings at Port Huron, Mich.

PORT HURON, Mich., Dec. 19.—The equality of the serving of a subpoena issued by Judge Kohlsaat, of Chicago, on N. L. Board, the reputed millionaire, in the pending bankruptcy proceedings against him, is likely to be a matter for future consideration of the courts, according to the opinions of lawyers.

Deputy United States Marshal Lomansey, of this city, under the instruction of Attorney J. E. Baker, of Chicago, served the subpoena in Point Edward, Ontario, instead of waiting for Mr. Board's return to this city. While Mr. Board's friend claim that he is not trying to evade service in the proper way, he had not returned to his home this morning.

## FARMER MURDERED NEAR BOWIE, MD.

Great excitement prevails in the vicinity of Bowie, Md., on account of the murder of Van Brownell, a prominent farmer of that section. Several negroes are under suspicion, and it is said threats of summary disposition of the guilty man, should he be discovered, are freely made. The body of Mr. Brownell was found in the woods near his home by his niece. The murder was done with a knife or sharp pick. An inquest will be held this afternoon.

## WEATHER CONDITIONS.

With the exception of a little snow in the extreme northeast and rain and snow in the extreme southwest the weather has been fair in the past twenty-four hours over the country.

Temperatures are generally higher. Frosts were again reported in southern Georgia and northern Florida. In the Atlantic States and eastern lower lake region the weather will be generally fair.

It will be somewhat warmer tonight from the Ohio valley southward. On the New England and middle Atlantic coasts the winds will be fresh southwest to south; on the south Atlantic coast light to fresh and mostly easterly.

Steamers departing today for European ports will have fresh southwest to south winds and fair weather to the Grand Banks.

TEMPERATURE.  
9 a. m. .... 33  
12 m. .... 47  
1 p. m. .... 47

THE SUN.  
Sun sets today ..... 4:41 p. m.  
Sun rises tomorrow ..... 7:15 a. m.

TIDE TABLE.  
Low tide today ..... 8:55 p. m.  
High tide today ..... 12:42 p. m.  
Low tide tomorrow ..... 8:23 a. m.  
High tide tomorrow ..... 12:14 a. m.

## GRATUITOUS INCREASE EXCITES MUCH COMMENT

Raise in Salaries of Two Postoffice Department Division Chiefs Was Not Recommended.

Various items of increase in the salaries of the officials of the Postoffice Department, contained in the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill which passed the House several days ago have given rise to new enmities and new jealousies in the politics of the department.

For instance the salary of the private secretary to the Postmaster General was increased from \$2,250 to \$2,500. There have been many other private secretaries who were glad of the position for the first named figure. It is over the increases in the office of the First Assistant, in his annual estimates the Postmaster General, recognizing the labor and responsibility devolving upon the First Assistant, recommended that the salary be increased from \$4,000 to \$5,000. When the matter came up before the subcommittee in charge of the bill the proposed increase was cut to \$4,500.

This was not strange, for it is not unusual to shave down the salary allowances when an increase is asked, but the unusual action of the committee was the increase made in the salaries of the general superintendent of the rural free delivery and the general superintendent of salaries and allowances. Each of these positions, now held, respectively, by A. W. Machen and George

W. Beavers, under the present law pays \$2,500. The new bill increases them to \$4,000.

The remarkable part of this action is the fact that the committee made the increase without any recommendation from the Postmaster General.

It is quite unusual and almost unprecedented for Congress to increase salaries when the heads of departments do not make such recommendations. Hence the question has arisen in the department as to what mysterious influence Messrs. Machen and Beavers exerted upon Congress, and especially upon the subcommittee of the House Committee on Appropriations, which drafted the measure, to cause them to raise their salaries without having been asked to do so, at least by the Postmaster General.

The office of the general superintendent of rural free delivery, as well as that of superintendent of salaries and allowances, is an important position, and each is in a position to return favors to members of Congress for the gratuitous increase in salary which each has received. The salaries of each of the assistant postmasters was increased from \$1,000 to \$1,500, but there has been far less comment upon this fact than upon the increase for the division chiefs, which was not asked for by the Postmaster General.

## WORKMEN CONSPIRED TO CAUSE ENGLISH STRIKE

Verdict Awarded to Taff Vale Railway Company.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The suit of the Taff Vale Railway Company against the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants for £27,000 damages, because of alleged conspiracy in bringing about a strike on the road in August, 1900, was decided today. A verdict was given in favor of the railway company.

Justice Williams, in summing up, criticized the subtle intrigues of the defendant's case as the perpetual shuffling of cards, and the continual production, after the manner of an experienced conjuror, of the card of non-responsibility, which was contrary to common law, common sense, and everything else.

He reserved decision on the question of the amount of damages to be awarded, for legal arguments at the next sitting of the court.

This case was brought in court about two weeks ago. The railway company claimed it lost the damages claimed by reason of the strike instituted by the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants. The suit was regarded as a remarkable departure in the industrial situation in Great Britain, and many eminent lawyers were engaged on both sides.

## "HANK" O'DAY MAY ENTER AMERICAN RANKS

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—"Hank" O'Day, the National League umpire, may handle the indicator for the American League next season.

Charles Comiskey thinks O'Day one of the best men in his line. Today he took up the matter of making O'Day an offer with President Johnson, and the latter authorized him to make a strong effort to land him.

## CRUEL HOAX PLAYED ON THE SUFFERING POOR

Bogus Advertisement Published by a Woman Offering Coal at Twenty-five Cents a Bushel.

An illustration of the policy of an "ad" in the columns of The Times was somewhat unpleasantly brought home to Jacob Faye, of 894 First Street northwest, yesterday, and the day preceding. It was all due to a small for sale "ad" inserted in The Times of December 17, which read:

FOR SALE—Coal, 25 cents per bushel. J. FAYE, 894 1st St. NW.

The offer of coal at such a reasonable price—one unheard of nowadays—attracted a throng of would-be buyers to Mr. Faye's home all Wednesday afternoon, and the most of yesterday, and many were the pathetic scenes when the people were told that neither Mr. Faye, nor his wife, who is in delicate health, knew anything of the matter. Some, either in malice, or as a joke, had inserted the "ad" in The Times without the knowledge of anyone at the Faye home.

## A Cruel Hoax on the Poor.

It was a cruel hoax, both to Mrs. Faye and those who, animated by the hope of securing coal for their cold homes at a small price, tramped, some of them, many weary blocks to the address given, only to be told that none was to be had. One poor woman, bent and feeble, accompanied by a young boy who pulled a small cart, walked all the way from Anacostia for a bushel of coal. She broke down and wept bitterly when she ascertained that her hopes were as vain as had been her long, fruitless journey.

## GENERAL NORD NOW PRESIDENT OF HAITI

Aged Warrior Takes Possession of National Palace.

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti, Dec. 19.—General Nord took possession of the National Palace yesterday, and assumed the presidency of the republic.

Nord was proclaimed president by the army. Gen. Alexis Nord, who has installed himself in the vacant presidency of Haiti, is a very old man. He has held the rank of general since 1857, and has been an active leader in the political and military revolutions of the country since 1865.

He headed the revolution which overthrew President Salnave in 1888, and in 1879 was a member of the provisional government presided over by Nissage Saget. He was appointed by the latter commander of the department of the north and remained the practical dictator of that section until 1876, when President Domingue arrested him on the charge of conspiracy against the government and sentenced him to five years' imprisonment.

In April, 1876, General Nord obtained his liberty, when a revolution against Domingue broke out, with Gen. Boisrond Canal at its head. General Nord, however, turned against his liberator and headed an uprising against Canal. This movement was unsuccessful and he was obliged to take refuge in Jamaica.

In the summer of 1878 he returned to the charge, but was again unsuccessful and was thrown into prison, where he remained until October, 1880, when he was pardoned and set at liberty by President Salnave.

## PHYSICIANS ACKNOWLEDGE THE GRAVITY OF HIS CONDITION.

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## PRESIDENT'S HANDWRITING FOR PARISH CHURCH FAIR

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Father Crowe expects the President's handwriting to prove an unusual attraction at a parish fair which is to be given in his diocese in the Christmas holidays.

## DELEGATE RODEY INTRODUCES NEW MEXICANS TO PRESIDENT

Delegate Rodey introduced to the President today at the White House offices two of his fellow-New Mexicans, O. A. Larragoitia, who contested unsuccessfully with Mr. Rodey for the delegateship to Congress, and Sergeant Farnett, who served in the Rough Riders, and has been a deputy sheriff for many years.

Mr. Rodey retains his confidence in the success of the efforts for Statehood, and has taken occasion to introduce to the President a number of the leading citizens of the Territory to uphold his claims.

## SOLDIER SENDS GHASTLY RELIC

Representative Brown Receives Amputated Hand, With Request for Pension From Constituent.

### FINDS IT IN HIS MAIL

Wisconsin Man Drops Gruesome Package in Horror—His Afterward Has the Member Placed in Cold Storage.

Representative Brown of Wisconsin found a gruesome package in his mail this morning.

When he called at the House post-office for his letters he was handed a small package which looked much as if it contained a Christmas present from an admiring constituent who might perhaps wish some favor from the Wisconsin statesman. He smiled as he walked away to his committee room, wondering what the gift could be.

### A Ghastly Find.

With great care he untied the string which bound the package and unwrapped the paper. Then he removed the cover of the box and to his horror and amazement found a human hand pecked in a roll of cotton.

Mr. Brown dropped the gruesome find and gave vent to an expression of surprise. The hand had evidently been in some fluid for a long time and having been taken out of the preservative decomposition had set in, and the odor was anything but pleasant.

### As Pension Evidence.

A letter told the story. The hand had belonged to an old soldier, one Adam Goshege, who sent it to be used as evidence in his application for a pension.

Goshege was shot while in the army and several years ago his hand was amputated as a result of the injury. He has since been preserving it in alcohol, and believes that if the surgeons see the hand they will be able to determine that the injury was the result of the wound he received in the war, and that his pension will be granted.

Mr. Brown has placed the hand in cold storage.

## CORNELIUS VANDERBILT MAY SURVIVE THE DAY

Physicians Acknowledge the Gravity of His Condition.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—That Cornelius Vanderbilt, who is ill with typhoid fever and a complication of peritonitis, at his home, 32 Park Avenue, was very near to death this morning was indicated by the manner of the physicians who are in attendance.

Dr. Austin Flint, Jr., and Dr. Brown spent all night at the patient's bedside. Drs. Delafeld and Janeway called early in the morning.

Dr. Delafeld was the only one to talk. He said that while Mr. Vanderbilt was in a very grave condition he would not die today. Dr. Flint gave out a bulletin which was somewhat encouraging.

It read: "9:50—Mr. Vanderbilt passed a fair night, and he has held his own. The fact that he is no worse this morning is encouraging."

The change in Mr. Vanderbilt's condition came suddenly. It was apparently a surprise to the physicians. Yesterday morning just before the alarming change came on, the physicians said that Mr. Vanderbilt had slept well and was a little better. The turning point was evidently reached about noon.

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## ENGLAND, GERMANY, AND ITALY REPLY TO CASTRO'S PROPOSAL

### VENEZUELA'S TOTAL DEBT FORTY-EIGHT MILLIONS

Following is the statement of Venezuela's debt on December 31, 1901:

FOREIGN DEBT.  
English debt, 3 per cent. .... \$13,322,910  
French and Spanish, 3 per cent. .... 1,309,385  
United States, mixed claims ..... 93,249  
..... \$14,725,544

### INTERIOR DEBT.

Railroad, 5 per cent. (Disconto Bank) ..... \$9,376,000  
Same, 12 per cent per annum ..... 708,868  
Caracas Waterworks, 5 per cent. .... 2,035,039  
Caracas Waterworks, 6 per cent. .... 11,961,731  
Salt debt ..... 1,050,300  
..... 25,131,941  
Unpaid interest ..... \$6,990,727  
Due Bank of Venezuela ..... 1,763,159  
..... 8,753,886

Total ..... 48,611,371  
This table does not include private claims as yet unfixed by any tribunal.

## SIR MICHAEL CALLS ON SECRETARY HAY

England Glad to Meet America's Wishes.

### NO NOTICE OF THE BLOCKADE

Report That Gen. T. H. Bliss Would Take Charge of Venezuelan Customs for the Allies Denied.

Sir Michael Herbert, the British ambassador, was the only member of the diplomatic corps who saw Secretary Hay before the Cabinet meeting. Sir Michael discussed with Mr. Hay the various proposals for an adjustment of the Venezuelan situation and indicated that his Government would be glad to meet the wishes of the United States that a settlement be effected without resort to war, if this can be done with a due regard for British honor.

### Without Any Word.

Up to the time the Cabinet met the State Department professed not to have any notice from the allies that a blockade of Venezuelan ports would be declared today.

A report that Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, of the United States Army, would be selected by the allies to take charge of the Venezuelan customs if a settlement is secured, which contemplates their collection by the allies to guarantee the payment of the European claims, was denied by the War Department.

## DON JAIME PRETENDER TO SPANISH THRONE

Don Carlos Abdicates His Claims in Favor of His Son.

MADRID, Dec. 19.—The "Heraldo" says Don Carlos, the pretender to the Spanish throne, has resigned his claims in favor of his son, Don Jaime.

Carlos de Bourbon was born in the year 1788, and was the second son of Charles IV of Spain. After the expulsion of the French from Spain his brother reascended the throne. Ferdinand VII having married twice without issue, Don Carlos began to cherish the hope of succeeding.

An insurrection in his interest broke out in 1825 in Catalonia, but was put down. Don Carlos not participating in it. A fourth time, however, Ferdinand married, and the result was a daughter, the late Queen of Spain, born in 1830. She died at Trieste in 1855.

In 1860 a Carlist insurrection was attempted in consequence of which the Count de Montemolín and his brother were arrested, but liberated after the former had signed a renunciation of all his claims on the Spanish throne.

The present representative of his pretensions is his nephew, Don Carlos, son of his brother, Juan, born in 1848. On his behalf Carlist risings took place in 1869, 1870, and 1872.

The insurrection headed by Don Carlos after the abdication of King Amadeo, in 1870, proved much more formidable and kept the northern part of Spain to great confusion till the beginning of 1876, when it was crushed.

### PHILLIPS SCHOLARSHIP.

(Special to The Washington Times.)  
EXETER, N. H., Dec. 19.—Eugene A. Clark, of Washington, D. C., won a \$150 Phillips scholarship in the annual contest at the Phillips Exeter Academy. The announcement of the names of the successful competitors for the awards was made yesterday afternoon. More than usual interest was taken in the contest for the scholarships this year. Nearly \$1,500 was distributed by the academy in scholarship prizes. This is a larger sum than the academy has before offered for a like purpose.

## BUSINESS RESUMED IN VENEZUELAN TOWNS

Warships of the Allies Visit Margarita Island.

### ALL FOREIGNERS RESPECTED

President Castro and Wife, Accompanied by General Hernandez, Call at the American Legation.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—A news agency dispatch from Caracas says that notwithstanding the critical situation all foreigners are respected. The shops have been reopened and railway traffic has resumed. The British and German warships make daily visits to Margarita Island.

President Castro and his wife and General Hernandez ("El Mocho") visited the American legation on Thursday.

A parliamentary paper printed this morning gives a number of questions relative to Venezuela put by Tory member Thomas Gibson Bowles, and the answers by Premier Balfour.

### Bowles Asks Questions.

Bowles asked whether the operations against Venezuela agreed upon by England and Germany were those referred to by Vice Admiral Douglass; whether, in view of the destruction by Germany of two gunboats and the impossibility of holding these boats as pledges, the British government purposes to continue its joint action with Germany; whether it is now proposed to establish a blockade, and whether the objections have been considered; and whether any intimation has been received from the American Government that it will object to American shipping being interferred with, and if so, how it is proposed to conduct the blockade.

Premier Balfour replies to the first three questions in the affirmative, and to the fifth in the negative.

### SELIGMANS TO GUARANTEE CLAIMS OF POWERS

LONDON, Dec. 19.—There is high authority for saying that the basis for arbitration with Venezuela, and a settlement of the present dispute will be a guarantee by I. & W. Seligman of the English and German claims to the extent of \$5,400,000.

It is expected the matter will be arranged within a few days. The Washington Government, which has declined to be in any respect a party to the financial transaction, has agreed to use its good offices in support of Mr. Seligman in the execution of the terms of his arrangement with Venezuela.

## NO PALACE FOR LITTLE MISS CARNEGIE

A New York Paper Prints an Authoritative Denial of the Rumor.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The "Evening Post" yesterday printed the following: "In our real estate columns yesterday, in our reference to the sale by Mr. Carnegie to Mr. Burden of certain lots in the 'highlands' of Fifth Avenue, we spoke of Mr. Carnegie's own house, which is to be a Christmas gift to his little daughter. This item had been printed before and we took it to be an undisputed fact. We now learn that it has no foundation whatever and that nothing could be less in harmony with the ideas of Mr. and Mrs. Carnegie than that their daughter should now, or ever, be burdened with great wealth. Least of all is she to be taught while in youth that she has 'great expectations' or any expectations at all beyond a moderate competence. Neither of her parents deems great wealth a desirable possession for the morning of life, or for any part of life, except as it may be employed for the advancement of the human race."

Great Britain Favorably Disposed to Our Recommendation That Arbitration Proposition Be Accepted.

Kaiser's Government Approves in Principle, But Urges Conditions Precedent to Acceptance of Offer

Cabinet Officially Informed That the Seligmans Had Again Undertaken to Assist Venezuela.

The State Department has received answers from England, Germany and Italy to its communication to those powers recommending that President Castro's offer of arbitration be accepted. The English government is favorable to the proposition, but suggests considerations which will have to be treated in further negotiations.

### Germany Makes Condition.

Germany accepts the policy of arbitration in principle, but urges a number of conditions precedent to acceptance of the present offer. One of these is a definite assurance that the government will receive payment of its share of the Venezuelan debt, requiring an arrangement by which the money will be paid either by President Castro or his possible successor in office.

The Italian government, in its reply, says that since it is the newest member of the party of allies, it is willing to be guided entirely by the decision of England and Germany in the matter.

### CABINET LEARNS OF THE SELIGMANS OFFER

The President and Secretary Hay were able to inform the Cabinet today of the truth of reports that the Seligmans had again undertaken to assist Venezuela in a financial way, and this make surer the prospect of a peaceable adjustment of the pending differences between that country and its European creditors. The terms of the settlement proposed by the Seligmans are not known to the Administration, which has merely been concerned with the question of the extent to which it would be willing to help Venezuela secure the loan.

### Held a Great Service.

While the President has maintained the position that he cannot in any way guarantee to the Seligmans the liquidation of Venezuela's obligation, if the bond deal is successfully put through, he has informed them that financial assistance to the South American republic at this time will be regarded as a great public service, and that the United States Government is willing to promise the use of its good offices or the extension of its good will to assist in bringing Venezuela to see the necessity of paying the loan, should she show a disposition to default.

This assurance involves no pecuniary obligation on the part of the United States, but it is believed here that the Seligmans, on the assurances given, will now be willing to advance the necessary money to Venezuela.

The following explanation of the status of Minister Bowen in the negotiations with which he has been entrusted by President Castro was made at the State Department today:

### An Intermediary.

Mr. Bowen has been instructed with powers of an intermediary between Venezuela and the European allies, these powers to exist until an answer shall have been received from the allies to the requests sent yesterday to them by the State Department to be informed whether they will accept Mr. Bowen as a fully empowered mediator and representative of Venezuela in the peace negotiations.

Should the powers consent to recognize Mr. Bowen, he will be directed by the President, through the Secretary of State, to assume the full powers conferred on him by President Castro. In the meantime, his status as an intermediary gives him only the right to act as a neutral channel of communication between Venezuela and the European governments.

No news from Minister Bowen was received at the State Department overnight.

### SOUTH AMERICAN REPUBLICS WATCHING UNITED STATES

LONDON, Dec. 19.—A news agency dispatch from Caracas says representatives of other South American republics are closely watching the attitude of the United States, whom they denounce as unit to protect South America against European aggression. They say the Monroe Doctrine has been issued to German bankers.

### GERMANY ADVISES ALLIES OF VENEZUELAN BLOCKADE

PARIS, Dec. 19.—A Berlin dispatch dated Thursday, states that Germany addressed a note to England and Italy on that day advising the establishment of a blockade of Venezuela. The note states that in case of the establishment of a blockade English and German as well as American ships will be prohibited from entering Venezuelan harbors.